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SUBJECT: METAL CORROSION EXCHANGE

1. REFERENCE TO JOHN THOMAS/NSF DISCUSSION WITH EMBASSY SCIENCE OFFICER GOSNELL ON 10/10/75 AND STAEHLE CABLE OF 10/22/75.

2. REQUEST THAT GOSNELL TRWNSMIT TO STATE COMMITTEE FOR S&T (B.D. ANTONYUK) THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DR. STAEHLE AS CONFIRMATION OF STAEHLE TELEX OF 10/31/75 TO ANTONYUK RE: FORTHCOMING METAL CORROSION EXCHANGE. QUOTE RECEIVED YOUR TELEX DATED 10/27/75 PROPOSING REVISED ITINERARY. APPRECIATE YOUR RESPONSE BUT WE ARE SURPRISED THAT NONE OF SIX ALTERNATIVES OUTLINED IN MY 10/3/75 LETTER WERE CONSIDERED.

3. WE WISH TO REITERATE THAT WE CONSIDER DIRECT VISITS TO LABORATORIES AND TO LABORATORY PERSONNEL ESSENTIAL TO DEVELOPING A RECIPROCALLY PRODUCTIVE VISIT FOR YOUR DELEGATION'S RETURN VISIT IN FUTURE.

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4. PROPOSED ITINERARY IS NOT RESPONSIVE TO REQUEST

FOR VISIT TO ENERGY RELATED ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS THE STIRKOVICH GROUP OR IN AREAS OF TURBINE, STEAM GENERATOR, COAL GASIFICATION, GEOTHERMAL, SOLAR, AND NUCLEAR FUEL CLADDING.

5. VERY DISAPPOINTED THAT VISITS TO LVOV AND TO MOSCOW POWER AND NITROGEN INSTITUTES NOT INCLUDED IN ITINERARY. CONSIDER THESE EXTREMELY SIGNIFICANT CENTERS FOR CORROSION WORK.

6. IN REGARD TO MEETINGS ON NOV 24, 25, 26: HALF OF GROUP WOULD FOLLOW ITINERARY AS SUGGESTED IN THE REVISED ITINERARY; HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT ADEQUATE TO OCCUPY ENTIRE GROUP; REQUEST THAT SECOND HALF OF GROUP VISIT ADDITIONAL INSTITUTES. WE WOULD CONSIDER MEETINGS AT THE MOSCOW POWER AND NITROGEN INSTITUTES AND REPRESENTATIVE INSTITUTES IN THE ENERGY AREA, IN ADDITION TO YOUR REVISED ITINERARY OF 10/27/75, TO BE THE MINIMUM TO ACHIEVE THE OBJECTIVES OF WIDEST REASONABLE EXPOSURE TO YOUR WORK AS BASIS FOR AN EQUALLY PRODUCTIVE RETURN VISIT BY YOUR DELEGATION.

7. IN LIEU OF SPECIFIC ADDITIONS NOTED ABOVE PLEASE MAKE ALTERNATIVE SITE SELECTIONS FROM ANY OF THE SIX ALTERNATIVE PLANS PROPOSED BY US IN 10/3/75 LETTER.

8. WE HOPE THAT AS A MINIMUM SUBSTITUTE FOR VISIT TO INSTITUTE IN LVOV, WE WILL MEET LVOV PERSONNEL IN KIEV, AS YOU PROPOSE, INCLUDING KARPENKO, GUTMAN, VASILENKO. WILL CALL YOU THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1600 HRS. MOSCOW TIME BEFORE MAKING FINAL DECISION ON WHETHER OUR VISIT, NOW SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 10 THROUGH 30, 1975, IS TO TAKE PLACE ON THOSE DATES. UNQUOTE
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